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Dear Sir:

1. Attached is a certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-317862 filed October 18, 2000. This certified copy is submitted as required by C.F.R. §1.55. Applicants claim priority on this foreign application.

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